Development Plan for Wardha

1133. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 2537 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 1984 and state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have approved the development plan for Wardha District;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (c) The development plan for Wardha district on Gandhian lines formulated by the Maharashtra Government will go to the National level standing Committee for its approval.

Correspondence in Hindi

1134. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of communications sent by his Ministry to the States located in Region 'A' during the last three years indicating the number out of those which were sent in Hindi and English, separately;

(b) the reasons for not sending all the communications in Hindi;

(c) the number of communications receved by his Ministry in Hindi and English, separately from each of these States during the above period;

(d) the number of communications received in Hindi and replied to in Hindi and those received in Hindi but replied to in English, separately and the reasons for not replying to all the communications in Hindi; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure the implemention of Rule 3(1) of the Official Language Rules, 1976 regarding correspondence with such States in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Separate figures for the letters sent to States in Region 'A' are not available. Details of letters sent in Hindi and English to the States in Region 'A' and 'B' and of those sent to the public in Region 'A' are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CXXXI, Annexure No. 29].

(b) Some of the letters of urgent and sensitive nature were sent in English. Nevertheless, efforts are made to send all the letters to these States in Hindi.

(c) Separate figures for the letters received in Hindi from Region 'A' States are not available. A statement showing consolidated figures of letters received in Hindi from A, B and C Regions and those received from public etc. is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXII. Annexure No. 30].

(d) The number of letters received in Hindi, and the number out of those replied to in Hindi/English are given in Annexure II. In case of urgent and sensitive matters replies were sent in English.

(e) With a view to ensuring implementation of Rule 3(1) of the Official Language Rules, 1976 the following steps have been taken:

(i) The Check points at various levels are being strengthened in order to ensure compliance with Rule 3(1).

(ii) Hindi workshops are conducted to impart practical training to the staff in original noting and drafting in Hindi.

(iii) The members of staff are also encouraged and induced for working in Hindi.

(iv) Hindi Typist and Hindi Typewriters are made available according to needs of the Sections/Units.

(v) Periodical inspections of the Sections are carried out in order to ensuring compliance with the Official Language Rules.

Musk Trade

1135. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Society of Naturalists has sought the Prime Minister's intervention in stopping the musk trade; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take on the said request?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) and (b) Trade in Musk within the country is prohibited and its export is not allowed under the export policy. The Indian Society of Naturalists had written to the Prime Minister about the Japanese reservation against the listing of Musk deer in the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in endangered species of fauna and flora (CITES), which in effect means strict regulation of International Trade in Musk. The reservation entered by Japan endangers further the status of the species and hence, the matter has been raised through the diplomatic channels, with the Government of Japan.

Failure of Thermal Power Stations to take Pollution Control measures

1136. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Pollution Control Board in its survey has found out that several thermal power stations have failed to take any pollution control measures;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a majority of them have not installed electro-static precipitators;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to reduce pollution hazards effectively?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) to (c) There are 53 Thermal Power Plants consisting of 218 units in the country. Thermal Power Stations of older designs have poorer pollution control devices since at that time, electrostatic precipitators (ESPs) of requisite efficiency were not being manufactured. Such power plants are provided with less efficient pollution control equipment. Department of Power/ Central Electricity Authority have identified 18 units which will be taken up for modernisation in the 7th plan, provided funds are available. Some power already initiated action for modernisation/augmentation of pollution control equipment. However, the new power plants which have been installed recently are provided with high efficiency ESPs and are meeting the emission standards.

(d) The power plants are being asked to fully meet the Central Boards' emission standards. Proposals for new power plants sent by Central Electricity Authority are examined by the Department of Environment from environmental angle. While giving concurrence to new projects, project authorities are given environmental advice such as installation of high efficienty electro-static precipitators, providing proper treatment facilities for liquid effluents etc. Precautionary measures to be adopted for proper disposal of fly-ash are also suggested. Besides, the power plants are required to get clearance from State/ Central Pollution Control Board.

Setting up of Electronics Industry in Bihar

1137. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar has sent proposals for setting up of electronics industry in that State;